

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-18 and 20-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10, 18 and 22 are herein amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice.

In a prior office action claims 1-18 and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,974,572 to Weinberg et al. (herein after Weinberg) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,574,578 to Logan (hereinafter Logan). Weinberg discloses using a network log to generate tests for a web page. Logan discloses using test suites and associated platform partitions from one or more server systems to perform component testing.

In contrast to Weinberg and Logan, independent claims 1, 10, 18 and 22 have been amended to include language that the test code is automatically generated from analysis of the technology based software component. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at page 19, line 25 through page 20, line 11. Neither Logan nor Weinberg, taken alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the use of test code automatically generated from analysis of the technology based software component in order to perform testing of the technology based software component. Therefore, since amended claims 1, 10, 18 and 22 disclose testing a software component using test code which is automatically generated from analysis of the technology based software component, while Weinberg and Logan fail to disclose or suggest the use of test code test code automatically generated from analysis of the technology based software component; claims 1, 10, 18 and 22 are believed allowable over Weinberg in view of Logan. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 3-9, 11-17 and 20-21 depend from claims 1, 10 or 18 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which his believed allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-18 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Weinberg in view of Logan is believed to have been overcome.

The prior art made of record is not believed to disclose or suggest the present invention.

In view of the above, the Examiner's rejection is believed to have been overcome, placing claims 1, 3-18 and 20-22 in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time that is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, which is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0901.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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